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Letter dated 27 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 27 January 2001 from H.E. Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you, concerning the latest atrocity committed by ethnic Albanian terrorists in southern Serbia and in this regard the request of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for an urgent meeting of the Security Council (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vladislav **Mladenovic**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the letter dated 27 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has repeatedly warned the Security Council and other major international bodies of the serious implications for peace and security in the South of Serbia caused by the incursions of armed Albanian extremists and terrorists from Kosovo and Metohija in the Ground Safety Zone (GSZ). Ever since, these armed groups have constantly endangered security, resulting in many serious incidents, particularly over the past few days.

On 26 January 2001, early in the morning, Albanian terrorists attacked an army unit moving along the Bujanovac-Presevo road with rocket-propelled grenades, heavy machine-guns and sniper fire in the vicinity of the village of Gomja Susaja, near Bujanovac, outside the GSZ. Dragan Dimitrijevic, a soldier, was seriously wounded in the attack and soon succumbed to wounds.

It is obvious that these activities of the Albanian terrorists are primarily aimed not only at endangering security and sowing terror among the civilians in the municipalities of Sujanovac, Presevo and Meduadja in southern Serbia, but also at provoking the Yugoslav police and army.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is ready to protect fully its sovereignty and territorial integrity and is firmly committed to persistently seeking a peaceful, diplomatic solution to this serious problem in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and the Military-Technical Agreement. In the wake of the latest incident and worsening of security situation, we demand that an urgent meeting of the Security Council be called to condemn this crime in the strongest terms in order that measures be undertaken to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice without delay.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia also requests the Council to ensure that the provisions contained in its statement of 19 December 2000 be fully implemented, in particular that the Albanian terrorists withdraw immediately from the Zone and be disbanded, and that the regime established in the Zone, be fully respected. To that end, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia stands ready to cooperate fully with the international community.

(*Signed*) Goran **Svilanovic**